(ख) ऐसे प्रचालकों के विरूद्ध कार्रवाई की जाती है जो एयर टैक्सी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों के प्रावधानों का उल्लंघन करते हैं।

(ग) और (घ) एयर टैक्सी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों के अनुसार एयर टैक्सी प्रचालक चार्टर/गैर-अनुसूचित उड़ानें प्रचालित करते हैं।

(ङ) जी नहीं।

1985—AI Bombing Plot

5852. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to report in the Indian Express of 3rd February, 1994 captioned '1985—Al Bombing plot—Americans knew, but kept mum' stating the A Canadian television has claimed that US—Intelligence agencies withheld significant information regarding their knowledge of the 1985-AI bombing plot in which 329 people were killed by extremists in league with Pakistani authorities; and

(b) if so, what was Government's response and reaction, if any, thereto, *by* way of inquiring into the aspect of US Complicity in the plot?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Equity bose of IA and AI

5853. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAB: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision about expanding the equity base and raismg funds from the public and augmenting the resources of the Indian Airlines and Air India following their reorganisation as public limited companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have also decided to expand and augment their activities to make them viable enough to meet competition from private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The equity base of the Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited would need to be widened in future, by issue of fresh equity to meet growth requirements of the airlines. No decision has yet Been taken in this regard.

(c) Competition from private operators is limited to the domestic sector and Indian Airlines has taken various steps to meet the challenge.

Bombay Airport

5854. SHRIMATI CHANDRTKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close the doors of Bombay Airport to airlines seeking ground facilities due to congestion;

(b) whether the Airport is unable to cope up with congestion and provide facilities even to those Aircraft which have given permission to use the airport as their base;

(c) whether Government have formulated a modemisation-cum-ex-pansion plan for the Bombay Airport in view of operational and heavy traffic aspects, increased number of the daily International Domestic and Private Airlines flights;

(d) whether Nasik has now been chosen as a Bombay-base for new Airline which had applied to the Director General of Civil Aviation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government and DGCA thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) M/s Raj Aviation Pvt. Ltd., have been permitted by the Director General of Civil Aviation to operate with Nasik as base of their operation, on their own request.

Meeting of National Carriers and other air taxi operatora

5855. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY;
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the national carriers, private air taxi operators and other was convened by the DGCA recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the conclusions reached at this meeting; and

(c) when Government propose to implement the conclusions reached at this meeting in regard to the safety .standards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GU-LAM NABI AZAD); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the meeting the operators were advised to take the following additional measures to enhance safe ty of operations.

(i) All pilots should practice flight procedures for handling emergencies, on simulators during refresher courses;

(ii) Overhead life of aircraft component should be reviewed; and

(iii) Air India and Indian Airlines should establish separate quality control and quality assurance divisions in vsew of their large scale operations.

Operators were also advised to improve airworthiness standards of air craft and safety of operations by strengthening of quality control set up, prompt rectification of snags, es tablishment of adequate maintenance facilities monitoring of Digital Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder readouts, pre-flight medical examination of crew, obser vance of special precautions while operating to/from short airfields, ad herence to standard operating pro cedures etc.

(c) Action to implement above measures is to be taken on a continuing basis_

Expenditure in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi

5856. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) during the last three years; and

(b) the number of pilots produced by this institution during that period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) The expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi